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MS PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for filing a \square continuation \boxtimes divisional \square continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior Application No. 09/942,709 filed on August 31, 2001, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference, by

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for

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 Enclosed is an application consisting of specification, claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if applicable). 2. \square The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

			LARGE ENTITY	SMALL ENTITY
	BASIC FEE		\$770.00	\$385.00
	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE FEE	RATE FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	8-20 =	0	x 18 = \$0.00	x 9 = \$0.00
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☐ MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED			+ \$290.00	+ \$145.00
		TOTAL	\$770.00	\$0.00

3.	\boxtimes	A check in the amount of \$770.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.
4.		Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
5.	\boxtimes	Enclosed is/are $\underline{\text{two}}$ (2) sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs.
6a.		A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. 09/942,709 on See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.
6b.		The current application qualifies for small entity status.
7.	\boxtimes	The prior application is assigned to <u>Shinogi Seiyaku Kabushiki Kaisha</u> .
8.		A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
9a.		Priority of Application No(s). 3-326961 filed in <u>Japan</u> on <u>November 14, 1991</u> is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on <u>November 13, 1992</u> .
9b.		Priority of International Appln filed on under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and

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		Application No filed in on under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and/or § 119 are hereby reclaimed.
10.	\boxtimes	An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.
11.	\boxtimes	Address all future communications to:
		BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP P.O. Box 747 Falls Church, VA 22040-0747 (703) 205-8000 or Customer No. 02292
12.		An extension of time for() month(s) until has been submitted in parent Application No. 09/942,709 in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.
13.	\boxtimes	Also enclosed herewith is the following:
		Sequence Listing - 4 pages

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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